

Work Starts On Cantonment Headquarters

Project To Take 20 Days

Site at Wells Picked by US; Towns Ready

ALBANY, Feb. 7—(Special)—Work on the Albany-Corvallis cantonment administration building, the first of many structures planned for the southern Polk and northern Benton county area, was begun Saturday morning.

A crew of about 20 men, the forerunners of thousands of workers expected to be employed on the project, were busy during the day unloading truck loads of lumber, pipe and other building material.

The contract for the administration building was let to Waale, Camplan and company of Portland on a low bid of \$30,762, reported to be about \$7000 under the next lowest bidder.

A tool shed was being erected Saturday and the foundation laid out for the building, a two-story frame structure, built in a U shape and covering about 7000 square feet of ground.

Intensive work is scheduled to begin Monday with the contractors expected to organize three shifts of workmen in order to complete the building within the 20 days allowed under the contract with the war department.

The headquarters building is located on a fairly level site facing the Albany-Wells road at a point about a mile east of the town of Wells, near the junction of the Wells road with the Al-

Bean Growers Set Prices; Unit Formed

Independent bean growers from Eugene, Portland and Salem met here Saturday and organized a bean growers control board, members of which are to be both independent and growers who raise their crops for specific canneries. Functions of the board will be to set minimum prices and organize all growers more closely.

Growers at the meeting set minimum prices for their 1942 crop at \$110 per ton for number one grade; \$90 for number two; and \$70 for number three. These prices are \$10 above those which canneries are offering at this time, namely, \$100, \$80, and \$60 for the same grades.

H. L. Pearey, Salem, was chairman at the meeting, which was held in the chamber of commerce rooms.

Oregon Bond Pledge Drive To Be Model

PORTLAND, Feb. 7—(AP)—Oregon's defense bond pledge campaign may be the model for similar drives in the other 47 states. Ted R. Gamble, consultant to the secretary of treasury's office, said on his return from Washington that 1,500,000 copies of a six-page tabloid explaining the Oregon program would be used as manuals in the other states. Gamble formerly was head of the Oregon campaign.

Valley Tree Co-op Opens

EUGENE, Feb. 7—(AP)—Williamette valley tree farms, believed to be the first non-profit cooperative project of forest management on private lands, Saturday announced opening of offices here.

Walker Tilley, pioneer industrial forester, is in charge of the project which was formed by five lumber manufacturing firms in this area to study harvesting of forest crops on the tree farm in a manner that will insure future yields.

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US Soldiers Patrol Coast

Northwest Shoreline Bristles With Guns Ready for Action

WITH THE ARMY IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, Feb. 7 (AP)—The stern and weather-beaten coast of the Pacific northwest has been turned into a great bulwark of mobile defense.

The coastal area of Oregon and Washington is occupied by thousands of steel-helmeted soldiers patrolling the forests and shorelines 24 hours a day.

Great guns have been moved into the woods and now stand ready to pour deadly explosive projectiles into any possible approaching enemy fleet.

Coastal roads are guarded with machine-gun emplacements. Troops are prepared to demolish highway bridges within a few minutes. Strong barbed wire entanglements can be thrown across strategic road cuts at a signal.

Part of the picture of an assumed defense effort in the Pacific northwest was disclosed this week for the first time since war was declared. Newsmen and photographers were allowed to have a quick look at defense preparations in an undisclosed section of the defense area.

And during their tour the newsmen learned, among other things, that the jeep, the army's midget automobile, has become amphibious. There is nothing the jeep cannot do, army officers have always maintained, and they proved it on this trip.

A jeep was driven to the edge of a river. Its crew jumped out and held waterproofed canvas directly in front of the machine and the driver eased the car into the center of the canvas. The sides were then folded up around the jeep, the crew gave a little shove and jumped aboard and paddled down the stream.

The modern mobile army, it (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Navy Reports 33 Casualties In Sub Crash

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7—(AP) At least 33 men were believed to have perished in the American submarine S26 which sank—the navy disclosed Saturday—when it collided with a naval escort vessel the night of January 24 off the Panama canal.

Only two officers and a seaman who had been standing on the bridge during the submarine's surface operations survived. They were the commanding officer, Lieut. Cmdr. Earle C. Hawk of Saugerties, NY; Lt. Robert E. N. Ward of Antioch, Calif.; and Seaman Joe B. Hurst of Ada, Okla.

The impact threw them clear of the submarine's superstructure and they were fished out of the dark waters. The navy said it had abandoned all hope for those who went down with the craft and added tersely: "The next of kin of casualties have been notified."

Names of the men were not disclosed. The submarine, apparently badly battered in the surface mishap, went down immediately.

Peru Feels Temblors

LIMA, PERU, Feb. 7—(AP)—An earth tremor rocked the Peruvian capital at 10:45 p. m., EST, Saturday night.

Friday's Weather

Forecasts withheld and temperature data delayed by army request. River Saturday, 12.1 feet. Max. temp. Friday, 51; min., 38

United Nations Still On Defensive As 10th Week Of War Starts In Far Pacific

Outlook Black As Japs Spread On Huge Front

Allied Bases Fight Artillery and Air Duels With Invaders

By BILL BONI, Associated Press War Editor

The end of nine weeks of grim warfare in the southwest Pacific Saturday night found the forces of the United Nations still fighting defensive actions on a sprawling, 5000-mile line of fronts—on each of which the initiative remained firmly in the grasp of the aggressor Japanese, with little indication that the tide of conquest can be turned for some time to come.

In Burma, where Rangoon was bombed heavily; on Singapore island, where Japanese big guns for the first time found the range of the city itself; in the Dutch East Indies, where the allies' vital Soerabaja base again was under air attack and the secondary base of Amboina was lost to the invader, and even in the Philippines, where General MacArthur's one possible line of withdrawal came under fire of Japanese artillery, the outlook was definitely somber.

Only news of United Nations successes came from the Indies, where it was announced that: A Japanese cruiser and transport were sunk and another cruiser and a destroyer damaged;

Eight American army P-40 fighter planes brought down three out of a large enemy force, with one US plane lost and another missing;

The Dutch Indies fleet, despite Tokyo claims to the contrary, still was intact and very much in operation.

But even this bright spot in the gloomy broader picture was almost eclipsed by the Japanese occupation of Amboina—an operation (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Kimmel and Short Seek Retirement

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7—(AP)—Requests from Major General Walter C. Short and Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel for retirement to civil life raised the probability Saturday of an immediate decision on whether they should stand trial as a result of the Pearl Harbor disaster.

The two commanders in Hawaii were charged by a presidential inquiry commission with "dereliction of duty" in not taking adequate precautions against a surprise Japanese attack. It was believed a decision on the question of trials would be left to President Roosevelt.

J. Bellinger Held in Japan

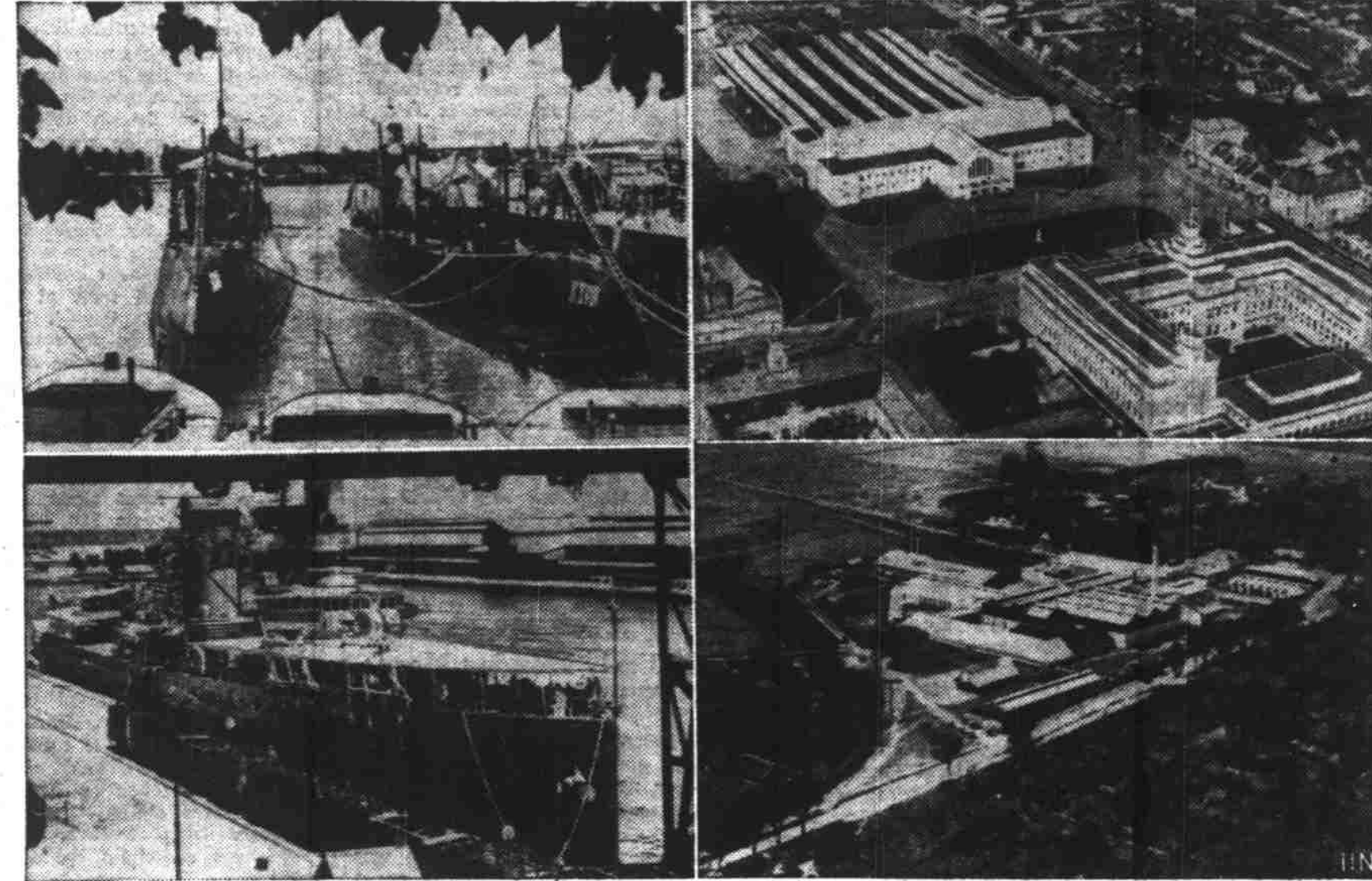
LEBANON, Feb. 7—Mrs. Emma Bellinger is in receipt of a message from Secretary of State Cordell Hull telling her the state department had received a telegram from the American legation in Bern, Switzerland, with the information that her son, Jack Bellinger, is interned in Yokohama, well and in no danger. The news of his safety was sent to Switzerland from Japan by the Swiss legation.

Bellinger, a former Statesman employe, has been associated with one of the leading Japanese dailies for the past two years. Before that he taught in a Japanese college in Tokyo. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon school of journalism.

Two Trainmen Killed

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 7—(AP)—A Union Pacific freight train crashed into another on a siding on Portland's outskirts Saturday night apparently killing two trainmen.

Java Prepares for All-Out Attack After Air Raids



From March of Time's "Far East Command." Left, Dutch subs, top, and a cruiser, below, at Soerabaja, Java; right, air view of Batavia, top; modern sugar factory in Java, below. Japanese aerial assaults on the biggest Dutch naval base, Soerabaja, Java, southwest of Macassar strait, is seen as the prelude to an all-out attack on the fabulous island on which the capital of the Dutch East Indies, Batavia, is located. The general headquarters of the allied command in the southwest Pacific also is on Java. Besides Soerabaja, airports at Malang and Madioen in East Java have been bombed heavily. Reports of numerous Jap planes being downed have been confirmed.

Salem Awaits Church Meet

National Christian Mission Program to Open Next Sunday

Religious activity such as this city has probably never seen before will be centered in Salem February 15-20 when the National Christian Mission, held here for the first time in history, draws laymen and ministers from all parts of the state.

Based on the theme "Christ Is the Answer," the six-day convocation in which nearly all the Protestant denominations of Salem are taking part, will bring many outstanding speakers to the city for seminars, public meetings and dinners at which the need for renewed church activity during these critical days will be stressed.

At the opening session Gov. Charles A. Sprague will preside and Mayor W. W. Chadwick will welcome visitors before Dr. Ralph C. Walker, pastor of the White Temple Baptist church, Portland, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Bataan Defenders Slay Jap Suicide Battalion

War Correspondent Describes Mopping Up Of 300 Picked Nippon Soldiers Behind Left Flank in Impenetrable Jungle

By CLARK LEE

WITH GEN. MACARTHUR'S FORCE IN WESTERN BATAAN PENINSULA, Feb. 5—(Delayed)—(AP)—American and Filipino troops Thursday annihilated the main force of a Japanese suicide battalion of 300 picked soldiers who landed from the sea some time ago.

American tanks paved the way for the final mopping up, mowing down trees with gunfire, smashing underbrush and then blasting the Japanese out of their fox-hole trenches.

The Japanese had landed behind the Americans' left flank, apparently aiming at cutting off communications and sabotaging supplies.

The few surviving Japanese fled to the edge of a cliff sloping sharply toward the sea.

There the invaders were cornered. With Brig. Gen. Clinton Pierce, (recently slightly wounded) I was on the corpse-strewn main battleground when the final shots were fired driving the last stubborn enemy invaders into the brush a few yards away from the China sea.

American and Filipino infantrymen followed them.

The fighting was typical of the bitter warfare waged in the jungle area of Bataan, where ground is contested inch by inch, and where men must kill or be killed.

The Japanese continued futile resistance to the end with tenaciousness which was finally overcome by the relentless (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

European War Reports Vary

Russ, Libya Fronts Unchanged; Trouble Spots Appearing

By The Associated Press

Only fragmentary, inconclusive reports came Saturday night from the two principal fronts in the European theatre of war—Russia and Africa—and in their general outlines the pictures of the fighting in both areas generally unchanged.

Moscow said its armies were meeting with steadily stiffening resistance because the nazis now had been driven back upon the presumably well-supplied, well-fortified bases from which they had planned to launch their spring offensive.

Only by way of British broadcasts were there claims of specific new soviet advances. The BBC said the German key positions at Rzhev now were completely encircled, with fierce fighting immediately outside the city, and that at the front's northern anchor the Russians in two days had retaken 20 villages in seeking to (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

US Generals Given Crosses By MacArthur

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7—(AP) Gen. Douglas MacArthur advised the war department Saturday that he had personally decorated Maj.-Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright and Brig.-Gen. Albert M. Jones with the distinguished service cross for extraordinary heroism in action during the early phases of the Philippine invasion.

Announcing the awards, the department said Gen. Wainwright commanded the northern front on the island of Luzon, and Gen. Jones the southern sector.

Fighting a Japanese foe greatly superior in numbers, their commands slowly fell back and finally united in Pampanga province before retiring to the present strong position in the Bataan peninsula.

"By particularly skillful man (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Malta Downs Nazi Plane

VALLETTA, Malta, Feb. 7—(AP) One German plane was shot down Saturday during 13 raids on this much-bombed Mediterranean fortress. Despite the swarms of axis planes, reinforcements continued to arrive.

FBI Arrests Nippon Aliens At Bonneville

Portland, Ore., Feb. 7—(AP) J. Douglas Swenson, Portland FBI agent, Saturday announced the arrest of four Japanese aliens in the Bonneville dam area.

Swenson said 15 sticks of dynamite, caps and fuses were found on their premises. He said they would be held for the Oregon alien enemy hearing board. The arrests closed a two-day raid on alien homes in the Bonneville dam sector. A total of 151 Japanese were questioned, Swenson said.

Five Stayton Young People Hurt in Auto

Two members of a party of Stayton young people, whose car turned over at the Aumsville road at the first hill east of the cottage farm Saturday night were in Salem General hospital this morning to receive treatment and for observation of injuries.

Tod Shelton, 20, received head contusions, bruises and scratches. Dixie Craigs, 16, was badly shaken, considerably bruised and lacerated and one rib was believed fractured, city first aid workers said.

Other members of the group, Betty Rushton, 16; Alvin Schmitt, 20, and Glenn Haworth, 16, were given first aid at the east Salem fire station and were able to return to their homes.

You Pay

Income taxes will be due soon. If you are in doubt about your federal tax, turn to The Statesman editorial page.

Huge Air Force Is Planned

Army to Muster World's Largest Wing This Year

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—A two-million-man air force—the world's largest—was announced Saturday as the army's eventual objective with half that number to be mustered before the end of the year.

This tremendous program, aimed at giving the United States crushing air superiority over all its enemies, was disclosed by Secretary of War Stimson who, before Pearl Harbor, had set a goal of 400,000 men in the air force by next June 30.

It compares with a reported strength of 1,000,000 to 1,250,000 in the Nazi Luftwaffe and of about 1,000,000 in the British RAF.

It is, too, more men than the army had in all branches at the outbreak of the war.

The war secretary did not break down this over-all 2,000,000 figure into categories of pilots, mechanics, etc. It is known, however, that the original goal of a 400,000-man force called for training of 30,000 pilots a year. Presumably, this training program eventually will be quadrupled.

In addition to the army's plans, the navy is preparing an immense air arm. Secretary of the Navy Knox announced a week ago a program for training 30,000 naval air cadets each year.

Simultaneously with its announcement of the air force program, the war department took steps toward further expansion of the ground forces. An executive order from President Roosevelt authorized it to call to active duty 27 organized infantry divisions which in peacetime exist only on paper.

Department officials said this would mean early mobilization of all qualified reserve officers not now on active duty, and of specialized reserve units, such as hospital units which have been formed in many cities. Activating the 27 divisions will be carried out in this manner: (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Portland Still Considered as Aluminum Site

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 7—(AP) The Oregonian said Saturday night it had learned from Senator Holman (R-Ore) that a Portland, instead of a Spokane, site for an aluminum rolling mill might yet be selected.

The newspaper said Holman was told by Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the war production board, that "the entire question of the location of an aluminum rolling mill on the west coast has been reopened."

A site at Fairview, near Portland, was bought for the mill by the government and ground clearing started before a decision to transfer the plant inland was made.

Holman said he had protested that the transfer to Spokane would delay production much needed for the war effort.

Chemeketans Conduct Annual Banquet

In long-skirted swirling frocks, and semi-formal black and white, Chemeketans, Salem's organized hikers, gathered at the Marion hotel Saturday night for their annual banquet. Knowing one another best in climbing togs, they used as theme for the occasion "skiing." Ninety-four members and guests gathered at the long tables in the mirror room and remained after the program for dancing.

Principal speaker, Hjalmer Hvam, ski instructor at Mt. Hood, appeared as an old friend to members of the organization who had participated in the Chemeketan camp at Jefferson park a year ago. At that time Hvam and his wife, who accompanied him to Salem for the banquet, had the ranger cabin at the foot of the mountain.

Frosted branches and blue candles on the tables, frosted pine in beds of imitation snow and skis and ski poles in the corners of the room provided the decorative notes. Burton Cray, who has presided at many a Chemeketan camp meal, was master of ceremonies, while Dr. George Lewis, club president, welcomed members and guests. Eighteen men from army units stationed in Salem were among the guests of the evening.

Music by the MacDowell club sextet was followed by acrobatics and juggling by Vernal Coriell, former circus performer who now wears an army uniform.

A humorous toast by Mrs. Dorothy Middleton, a practical contribution by Miss Betsy Doane and an inspirational one by Miss Virginia Wells together with songs by Miss Gail Ferguson and the sextet and Hvam's speech completed the dinner program.